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Paul Brian Western Review

Aurora Elementary School students put on their annual Christmas concert and play Dec. 10 and 11 to packed audiences of family and friends. The youngsters sang, danced and acted out the events of Christmas, spreading holiday cheer. Watch for more pictures from school Christmas concerts in our Dec. 24 edition.

news

Town's interim budget includes funds for pool

► Tax rates won't be finalized until final budget is passed in the spring

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

The Town of Drayton Valley has set aside half a million dollars as an initial commitment toward a new aquatic facility as part of its 2014 interim capital budget.

Last week councillors gave approval to the 2014 operating and capital budgets, with approval of a final budget to come in the spring. The interim budget is required to be passed each year so daily operations can continue ahead of approval for the finalized document.

An operating budget of approximately \$24.2 million was approved, with \$9.5 million to come from taxation. The capital budget currently outlines projects worth approximately \$17.4 million. Town of Drayton Valley Treasurer Clayton Seely told council the interim budget represents an increase in taxation of five per cent. The majority of

that is expected to come from new development. Some of the increase is also expected to come as a result of updated assessment values.

Although the interim budget will keep the town running smoothly, it's not the end of the number crunching.

"I agree we have some work to do on prioritizing our capital projects."

— Coun. Debra Bossett

"I think we have a lot of work to do," said Coun. Dean Shular. "That five per cent, no matter where it comes from, is substantial."

Seely noted that council has approved transferring just more than \$1.7 million to reserve funds and \$912,000 will go toward debt repayment.

Coun. Graham Long noted the question highest on most residents' minds revolves around what the budget will mean

for their taxes. He asked Seely what the budget as presented last week would mean for taxation.

"That will be addressed in April," said Seely. Tax rates are determined not just by the municipal operation side, but also assessment and school and senior requirements.

However, at this point the town is currently anticipating an inflationary adjustment, he noted.

FEE CHANGES APPROVED
Along with the interim operating and capital budget, town council also approved the interim fee schedule changes. The fee schedule sets the cost for everything from ice times and facility rental to equipment rental and pool fees.

Many areas will see nominal increases in 2014, many in the range of two to four per cent.

Some fees will see higher hikes, including the cost for certain Park Valley Pool programs, while other fees have been reduced. Library membership fees for non-residents will drop, while membership remains free for residents.



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news

DV Community Foundation doubles

Paul Brian
Western Review

The Drayton Valley Community Foundation is doubling down.

Steve Holmstrom, owner of Zinger Rentals, after recently discussing the foundation with vice-chair Michael Ferry, recruited 401 new patrons, doubling the size of the foundation to around 800.

"Our long-term goal is to have every man, woman and child in Drayton Valley as well as anybody else who was positively impacted by Drayton Valley to become a member at some point in time," Ferry explained. "A gentleman that I know, Steve Holmstrom, he and I were chatting and we were exchanging ideas about business and so on. And throughout the conversation he asked me what I'm passionate about. And among other things I mentioned that I'm very passionate about the Drayton Valley Community Foundation."

Ferry explained how the patron membership system works and mentioned that it had been left idle somewhat in terms of new recruitment. Around one month later Holmstrom announced he had sold 401 memberships to Ferry, presenting it as a pre-Christmas gift.

"He just went above and beyond to do something great for the community," Ferry shared. "When his wife dropped off the money and memberships last Saturday (Dec. 7) I just couldn't believe it."

The patron membership drive is only one part of the DV Community Foundation, which has over 800 patrons in funds geared to helping the community from individual donors.

Holmstrom for his part, did his best to recruit wherever he could, deciding to double patronage. His fellow churchgoers at Life Church were a big help, for one.

"I just told everybody I knew, it helps to go to Life Church," he added with a laugh. "I told a few people there and my pastor Randy Rye, I mean that church is so crazy about the community. I think they had six people running for the election, that church will do anything for the community. So he said 'Why don't you talk about this thing in church?' So that was 170 people."

Through his business connections in the community Holmstrom also found a number of other local businesses interested in signing up.

Initially Holmstrom talked to Ferry for insight into commercial real estate in the area and wanted to give back for contributing his time to help sign people up for the foundation.

"I was actually just trying to do something to thank him, that's the honest truth," Holmstrom said. "As I was trying to convince everyone else how great it was I sort of convinced myself and I really got into it. I'm really passionate about it because it wasn't stop giving."

Ferry also noted that although the fund is geared to local enhancement, community members can invest in it for their own cause as well. The DV Community Foundation is a registered charitable organization that can issue charitable receipts. It has established an endowment fund for the betterment of the community, with the principal only increased as new funds are added and only the interest used to invest and make grants to worthy projects. Decisions to use the money will be made by the foundation's committee who would require a unanimous decision.

Ferry noted that DV Community Foundation has five members from around the world who all

one time may have lived in Drayton Valley from all provinces, the United States and Thailand, for example.

"The \$30 that people contribute stays in the fund forever and is never spent and the interest and investment money that comes from that fund is used for enhancing our community," he said. Ferry mentioned donating to people in need, other charities and organizations throughout the community as places where the money goes.

"It (the 401 new patrons) doubles our ability to do whatever we're going to do with the money. But more than that, it puts us all on notice that great things can happen when you really put an effort into it and Steve has really just gone over the top with this effort," Ferry said.

Although Holmstrom evaluated the foundation's current resources as not enough to generate significant revenue for the community, his vision is to take it to a whole new level.

One of the businesses Holmstrom signed up on his recruitment drive was Fluids Brewhouse and Grill. While talking with Fluids owner Wally Ichay, the two came up with an innovative idea.

"We were thinking what can we do that will really make a difference for the foundation," Holmstrom recounted. "We thought why don't we have one thing, offer one product, that for each time we do one product or service we donate to the foundation."

From this idea Holmstrom and Ichay came up with the concept of Kiss the Community. Fluids plans to donate one dollar from a designated "Kiss the Community" burger to the DV Community Foundation, while Holmstrom has started a charitable division of Zinger Rentals called Buckaday Toilets which will rent out portapotties for one dollar per day and give all that money to the foundation at year's end.

"Right now it's very little, but one day when we've got 300 portapotties it'll be 300 grand a year or more," Holmstrom said of his goal.

Several other local businesses have also gotten on board with the idea already as well, according to Holmstrom, including two local mechanics and a dog shop. One of the mechanics will donate one dollar from each tire sold, while the other plans to donate five dollars for every big truck he repairs.

Holmstrom is hoping to inspire other business leaders to have a Kiss the Community product or service in their business to help contribute to the community foundation.

"It's a company. Nobody will write a cheque to Kiss the Community and there's no bank account. It's just an idea," he said, noting it's more like a charitable fund to begin moving money exponentially into the foundation's fund. "At the end of the year we're each going to write a cheque to the DV Community Foundation."

Holmstrom's idea is based on a projection of a big growth of the DV Community Foundation to scope that he's passionate about being involved in.

Ten years, 15 years from now, when this thing has 10, 20 or 30 million dollars in it well then it's going to be a big deal," Holmstrom said. "It'll be the best thing in town. I'll be glad that I got on board. It'll be giving away a million dollars a year. Many good causes will be getting a hand up from this thing."

For more information on the DV Community Foundation or to become a patron for \$30 visit their website at www.dvcl.org and for more information on the Kiss the Community initiative call Zinger at (780) 888-2210.

SEASONS GREETINGS

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As part of their leadership program, a group of Grade 9 students from H.W. Pickup are giving back to the community. Volunteering with FCS's Snow Angel program, the group of enthusiastic teens are shovelling local drive ways and sidewalks to help those in need.

Lesley Allan Western Review

Local students support Snow Angel program

H.W. Pickup students give back to community

Lesley Allan Western Review

Looking out a window it's obvious that the area has already received a lot of snow this winter, and although it can be fun to play in and pretty to look at it can affect the way some live within the community.

That's why Family and Community Support Services (FCS) organizes the annual Snow Angels program which connects volunteers with local seniors and other individuals who need help clearing some of the snow surrounding their homes.

"With seniors especially it can help decrease them being isolated," explains Jennifer Pyn, FCS program assistant. "Sometimes if they have a lot of snow buildup they won't be able to leave their house because it's slippery, or if anything ever happened having sidewalks that aren't clear can affect emergency services accessing them."

According to Pyn this year the Snow Angels program has seen an increase in volunteers, but due to the high quantity of snow the demand for the service is also higher and they still have trouble meeting the needs.

Thankfully one group of

young from H.W. Pickup have come to aid with clearing local driveways as part of an optional leadership course that teaches about giving back to the community.

"It's so important for the kids to learn volunteerism, especially when teaching them leadership skills," says Shannon Gallant, the group of students' teacher.

The class, which consists of 12 Grade 9 students have been hitting the streets for a few weeks now and even spent some time out in the cold when many were making every excuse to stay indoors after temperatures plummeted to around -40.

Acknowledging the cold, student Chantel McKinnon says that she doesn't mind because it's a fun getting out with her friends and getting the opportunity to help others.

"I think it's such a great program because I know if I was older I would like to have people come and help me," she shares. "I know how hard it is to have to shove things all by yourself and being alone, but I want people in Drayton Valley to know that they're not alone and there are people out there to help them."

And willing is exactly what these students are when it comes to helping.

The leadership program is one of several optional courses available to students at H.W. Pickup along with construction and coding. Often not as popular for these youth it was their preferred choice because of the difference it can make in the winter.

community.

"I chose to take part in the leadership program because I like to help people," says McKinnon. "I think happiness shouldn't come from just doing things you like it should come from helping other people and being there for those who can't do it for themselves."

This selfless view is exactly what Gallant loves about the students in her class and hopes the community will take time to recognize the youth that do good and not just those who do not.

"Sometimes we have negative publicity with different things in town, but these are junior high kids going out, and picking their own activities and coming up with [what] they want to volunteer with," she shares.

"Anything they can do to help others or to make other jobs or lives easier that's what we're focusing on and they've responded so well to it."

Also responding well is Pyn, who is so appreciative of the help the young residents are providing to those who need an extra hand during this time of the year. "I was so excited," she says of when Gallant contacted her about volunteering with the Snow Angel program. "These 12 students, they can do three or four houses in an afternoon and that would maybe be what I'd have to have a couple of volunteers to do, so they've been a tremendous help."

Pyn is also appreciative of everyone else who helps out with the program, and even those who prefer to do it anonymously. "Through this program I've heard a lot of good stories about the community," she shares. "We'll show up at a place and it's already been done, and people don't know who did it, so there are lots of snow angels out there and we don't even know who they are, but they've been helping out their neighbours with random acts of kindness. It's fantastic to see the community doing that."

For more information about Snow Angels, to volunteer or to sign up for help, contact Pyn at (780) 514-2206.

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Call Courtney Whalen at 780-542-7574 EXT. 24

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PA-Professional & Public Use District
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our editorial

Fund allocation to pool solidifies town commitment

When Drayton Valley councillors approved the 2014 interim capital budget last week there was an item on it that advocates for a new pool have been waiting to see. The town has earmarked an initial commitment of \$500,000 in 2014 for an aquatic facility.

From a meeting in April of 2010, where approximately 80 members of the public gathered to talk about the need for a replacement for the aged Park Valley Pool town council has voiced support for the project. The municipality, along with Brzeau County formed a joint committee and funded a feasibility study looking at a new pool. That completed study was presented to both our... (the close to two years ago. Since that time, the joint committee has continued, but no additional financial support has been put toward the construction of a new pool by the Town of Drayton Valley. Brzeau County has not earmarked money specific to the pool either, but has established a fund for major capital projects.

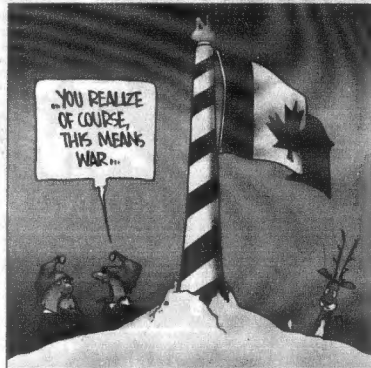
To this point the majority of the work in research and community engagement for a new aquatic centre has come from a volunteer community committee. They've established a website, hosted meetings in

Drayton Valley and Brzeau County, made multiple presentations to both municipalities and started to lay the groundwork for fundraising efforts.

Throughout they've had the praise and verbal support of councillors, but no answers to the inevitable questions of how much money the municipalities had committed. With an estimated price tag around \$25 million, the answer to that question is crucial when soliciting donations from other sources.

While half a million dollars won't go very far... (toward the actual cost of a new facility, it can be seen as a good beginning. The municipality has put its commitment to the eventual construction of an aquatic facility down on paper. The interim capital budget indicates the contribution is part of a 10-year commitment. That is something the community committee can take to potential donors to show the aquatic centre is a project the Town of Drayton Valley is behind.

In order to build the aquatic facility is going to need multi-million dollar commitments from both municipalities to be viable. But this initial \$500,000 shows the town has identified an aquatic facility as a priority and is ready to start putting its financial support where its verbal support has been all along.



Are you doing OK? Mmmhmm

That is the question and answer combination that my dentist and I ran through numerous times while I was having some work done last week. Of course, my pearly-flecked eyes and overt trembling proved it was a blatant lie, but to deviate from the answer that is the societal norm would have resulted in hysterical laughter or quite possibly a mild dash for the door.

You see, I have a thing about the dentist. Not any dentist in particular, just the whole profession and everything it involves. My current dentist seems to be a perfectly lovely person and everyone who works at the dental office I go to are wonderful people. I just have an extreme anxiety every time I have to get in that chair with the bright light and the tray of sterilized instruments waiting to poke around in my mouth.

I can't exactly pinpoint the genesis of my irrational horror about dental appointments, but I have a feeling it was my childhood dentist, who I remember having very little sympathy. Very single dentist I've visited since then has been very nice, but have had to suffer my prejudice nonetheless.

As I'm far from the only person who dislikes the disorienting position of reclining with your mouth gaping while someone in a mask comes around

you're tipped back as the professionals hover above while you keep your mouth gaping open in a trance at a time, there's the whole drooling thing. Once that fresh goes in, dignity moves out. I remember salivating everywhere... It's running out the corner of your mouth. It's attaching itself in strings to dental instruments. It's checking you out in your mouth. It's gross.

To help with the problem there's a little mint vacuum. Seems helpful. Except what if the vacuum is supposed to do with your tongue? Half the time it's getting stuck on the end of the thing and the other half I'm worrying where to reach so it's out of the way.

Last week after my dental visit was completed quickly, efficiently and painlessly I went out scheduling another appointment. Try to have a conversation around a massive piece of gauze jammed in your mouth is not dignified, but however trumped when you must go to pee around your front teeth only to discover you've got a lot of drool running down the side of your face.

The final straw was the fact that I was in my sock feet. There's just something completely undignified about being in your morning socks while everyone else around you is wearing shoes.

Can't wait for my next appointment in January.



There and Back
Courtney Whalen

with polio things in your mouth, I doubt it really leaves the professionals. At least I'm not a kicker or a biter.

One of my previous dentists decided to call me on it as I was in the chair preparing for what was to come, squeezing my eyes shut and breathing like I'd just run a marathon.

"I'm not hurting you, I haven't even done anything," she said. Despite the (correct) implication of her words that I was being ridiculous she retained her calm and sympathetic manner. If rationality had anything to do with my reaction that could have been a turning point. Unfortunately when it comes to all things dental my brain's not big on rationality.

Adding to my problem is the fact that going to the dentist has to rank high on the list of least dignified things ever.

Greeting past the part where

opinion

Fare thee well Drayton Valley

It's not you it's me. No, really. Well, I'm sorry you feel that way, since (Did you actually just slap me? I didn't know a town could slap someone). I never meant to hurt your feelings, you know? I just have to move on.

OK, let me backtrack a bit here. This will be my last column in the Western Review, and now comes the awkward part where we break up, get a separation, divorce, write a country duet about our mutual pain and maybe crank out a self-help book or even a collaborative venture whatever you want to call it, we're done.

You're skeptical about the song ideas? Hey c'mon, Sheryl Crow and Kid Rock had a big ol' "Picture" Don't you remember his soul-crooning melodies and lyrics? He was in his hotel waiting for that woman for almost three-frickin' minutes of the music video with an expression of existential suffering etched on his face, OK? That's some dedication. That stuff speaks to the heart like a Romeo and Juliet reading at a bachelorette book club.

Here, take some Kleenex. Whatever you do want to call this situation just have to see these tears, Drayton Valley. I really didn't know I meant that much to you. No, like, I really didn't know (cue violin, soaring orchestral soundtrack and illusions



Pauling Your Leg
Paul Brian

of grandeur).

I have decided to move back to Barrie, Ont. In several weeks and am looking into some other journalistic opportunities there, online and eventually overseas again in Georgia. As much as I've enjoyed serving the community here and I really appreciate its hospitality and the great people I've met, the redneck on back across to family and friends. Maybe I'll even write a book or something. I doubt it, though. I'll probably just say I will and then not. Oh wait, I just did that right now... again.

But the point is that I'm not hating on Drayton, I just have other possibilities a'waitin' (not a rap career, as you can tell). There, now you know the story. Yes, I know, you want to work on things and see if we can get through this. Dr. Phil

said I'm just being an entitled reporter jerk? Gosh, this is hard. Well, I'm sorry but my mind is made up.

Where can I start? This is a good town with a lot of good people. Sure, it has its challenges (we're not considering setting Breaking Bad here!) and a lot of seasonal residents here for the work can give it a come-and-go feeling, but it's also got a strong community spirit. Everyone rallies behind someone who's sick or in bad shape, raises money, spreads awareness, and does what it takes to help family, friends and even strangers.

I can't count the number of times strangers helped me out, pushing my car out of the ice and snow (not that the car has a particular issue with getting stuck in the snowy conditions, person who just purchased my car. I know I had it listed as "Winter Beast Honda"). OK, granted that might have been a bit of a stretch.

One day if I'm back in Georgia I'll raise a toast to y'all. Keep workin' hard and doing your thing, Drayton.

I encourage everyone to keep in touch with me on Twitter (@paulbrian) and keep me updated on how the things are faring out here.

All the best everyone and God bless. Adios, Adieu, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye.

All play and no work makes aging harder

More was right, darn it! My body detests the cold, partly because I am a wrung but mostly due to not taking care of myself when I was younger. I have allergies and ailments and they tend to make my life. I wasn't always this way, but this is my life as I know it today. The silly part is that all I could have been prevented. Most of what I suffer from today is largely due to thinking I was invincible when I was younger.

In the winter I walked around in high tops with no socks, jeans, jacket, neon clothes, bare hands and big hair. I see all kinds of processed convenience foods because I had the metabolism of a Greek goddess. Now my body is paying the price for not taking care of myself. I believe that it wasn't entirely my fault; the 80s was a terrible decade for fashion and fast food chains!

I didn't need a "Things You Need to Know Before You Turn Forty" handbook when I was younger. Now I need to watch what I eat. I need to wear a scarf around my neck to protect my "fragile" lungs, and a hat to keep warmer in the winter. Gloves and winter boots are also mandatory now.

More and more I am noticing people with ailments in my age group that I could have been prevented. I cringe when I say this but, yes, more was right to tell me to eat my vegetables and to get at least eight hours of sleep a day. When she told me to wear a jacket outside because it's cold, it really was for my own good. What I didn't know was that she was encouraging me to be active and take care



From the Rec Desk
Kerry Doran

of my health for the future. I just thought she was nagging.

I see people my age with aches and pains and ailments that could have been prevented if we had just taken better care of ourselves when we were younger. Many forty-somethings (and older) have sedentary lifestyles. Our dysfunctional body parts are being removed due to the processed food we ingest for convenience. Don't forget it hurts like heck when we get out of bed in the morning.

So how can we teach the younger generation to listen rather than hear us? I have no clue. Now they are at the age where they think they are invincible and know everything, just like we did when we were that

Around the water cooler...

It's only a week until Christmas Eve! Where has this holiday season gone? Want it to just yesterday we were all sitting down for Thanksgiving turkey? No we're getting ready to bust out the stretchy pants once more as we indulge in delicious food and join friends and family to celebrate!

However, before we do that we have some other celebrations to mention. First this week we'd like to start with a big happy belated birthday to a special granddaughter, Ashley Cox blew out her candles on Dec. 15 and her grumpy and the rest of the clan wanted to share their love and best wishes. We second that! Hope it was a good day, Ashley.

The Cox family has another birthday to celebrate this week as well! Shayle Cox turns 17 on Dec. 17. Hey, 17 on the 17th... does that qualify for some sort of prize? Maybe not, but it still qualifies him for huge birthday wishes from his entire family. Enjoy your day Shayle. We're not ready to get off the birthday train yet! We also want to send out big birthday hugs to one of our favourite men, Ben Sargent. He's blowing out his candles on Dec. 21. Make sure you're properly pampered on your big day Sarge!

We're still looking for your favourite Christmas recipes or treasured family tradition to share in our annual Christmas greetings that will be included in next week's paper. Please e-mail your submission to whatson@sunmedia.ca. That's it for another edition of the water cooler.

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On Dec. 9 the community was introduced to the area's first Rotary Interact Club. Only months old, the club already has 10 members and big goals for helping the local and international community.

Youth join Rotary to make difference

Drayton Valley Rotary Interact Club looks to get youth involved

Lansley Allan
Western Review

Over the years the Rotary Club of Drayton Valley (DVRC) has made a huge difference in the local community, and now as the highly active groups look ahead it's with excitement as local youth carry on their ideals of focusing on more than one's self.

"As we know the Rotary Club is very popular and very prominent within the community and now we're wanting to give teenagers a chance to be a part of that," says Jessica Saulnier, new generations chair with DVRC. "It's a great way for them to focus on more than one's self and that is the true definition of a Rotarian is above self."

To help youth have this opportunity to not only affect Drayton Valley and area, but also the world, members of DVRC have worked hard to introduce a new club to local teens something that they have been trying to establish for years within the community.

"This is the first Interact Club to have ever been placed in Drayton Valley, so that's why it's a very special," shares Saulnier. "We feel that the students are going to make such a big difference and I'm really excited to share with everyone the projects that they've already come up with."

Meeting Thursdays at Frank Maddocks High School, the Drayton Valley Interact Club is currently made up of 10 students, as well as members of DVRC who have big goals and aspirations for what they can do for the community.

"We are the change of the commu-

nity and we're very enthusiastic and ready to take on our projects," shares Justin Muzarek, president of Interact. Going on to explain two of the projects the group has planned, one which will see the youth helping out with the local soup kitchen, as well as camping on in Rotary Park February 2014, Muzarek says the group is full of ideas and openly working together to help bring about change in the world.

"I wanted to be a changer in our community," he says. "Just [to] be a better person and do something for others for once."

On Dec. 9 members of the Interact Club, their parents, as well as members of the DVRC gathered to share the exciting news about the new club's beginning and to share their support for the local youth.

"It's long been a dream to have an Interact Club," shared DVRC President Kelly Sterling during the night introduction. "This is a really big night for us."

Echoing that sentiment, Rotary District Governor Betty Scarpnek paid her respect to the newly-formed club that joins the ranks of many others around the globe that have helped to make a difference since 1962.

"I can't think of anything more wonderful than to be [here] for an Interact Club," she shared with those in attendance.

"Your club will strengthen your skills individually and as a group." "Congratulations in shaping the world that you want to live it," Scarpnek finished.

The support of the DVRC goes far beyond words of encouragement and can be seen through the support the group is giving the club both monthly and financially all in the hope of seeing the club continue to grow and to continue finding success.

"They're being financially sup-

ported by the Drayton Valley Rotary Club, so for those students who may be a bit shy to normally afford to join a club, because there is cost involved with it, this is the one club that they can come and be a part of at no cost to themselves and make a difference," explains Saulnier. "Because when you make a difference your life can change as well."

For more information about the Drayton Valley Rotary Interact Club search for them on Facebook, or contact TMO at (780) 542-4461.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LOOKS TO STEP BACK

With a small number of volunteers, all of them seniors, the Drayton Valley and District Historical Society is asking the Drayton Valley and Brazeau County to take over the Drayton Valley and District Historical Society Museum.

Board member Christie Miner was in front of joint council on Dec. 9 asking the municipalities to consider taking over operation and maintenance of the museum. Historical society members would then take an advisory role, said Miner noting members would work to share their knowledge of artifacts housed at the museum as well as consult on future buildings and projects.

"We certainly don't want to see what's there, fade away," said Miner.

Projects the society are currently working on include the creation of an old interpretive centre as well as the future restoration of a side shack that was recently donated and moved to the site. Miner said the society had also been looking at the crossing pathways to connect museum buildings.

Councillors around the table voiced their support for the society and the work it does, as well as the importance of the museum.

Questions were expressed about the possibility of partnerships with Brazeau Regional Tourism to assist in operation as well as potential costs needed to take on operation and maintenance of the museum.

Brazeau County CAO Marco Schoettiger said a very rough estimate would see the commitment of approximately \$60,000 to each municipality to start.

Each council will now discuss the possibility of a joint venture.

QUINCY MEETING COST SHARING
Last week's joint council meeting Brazeau County councillors were asking their counterparts at the Town of Drayton Valley to consider once again helping support Brazeau Regional Tourism.

Up until 2012 Brazeau Regional Tourism, which operates the visitor information centre at the site of the Drayton Valley Museum, received funds from both municipalities. Last year the town opted out of funding the organization.

This year Brazeau County has committed \$56,100 to the organization and is asking the town to consider sharing 50 per cent of that cost with them.

Mayor Glenn McLean said town council members "yet had a discussion about the established tourism organization, although he anticipated they would be having it soon."

Coun. Nicole Nedelko said the town had received a letter from Brazeau Regional Tourism, but would like to see the group meet with town council to outline its projects and goals.

COUNCILS TO TALK TOURISM
Town and county councillors have

scheduled a joint session with the sole purpose of focusing on regional tourism. The scheduled meeting came as the result of a request from administration for council direction regarding a regional tourism strategy and brand that was presented to both councils in June.

Last year the two municipalities jointly funded the creation of a joint Regional Tourism Marketing Plan and Branding Plan. Vibe Creative Group was hired and started work last December. Last year the group made visits to the area to consult with stakeholders, including both municipalities, tour the area and collect information for the tourism plan. A report and branding package were presented to joint council in June, 2013. At the time some concerns were expressed about the branding plan, but general consensus to move forward with changes to be made, was given. After that several more concerns were raised by councillors from both municipalities and nothing further has been done.

Last week Brazeau County Economic Development Officer Wanda Cumpton was asking joint councils for directions on what the next steps should be. Both councils agreed to meet and discuss regional tourism and the direction they would like to see it go. That session has been scheduled for January.

DRAFT REPORT NEEDS COUNCIL APPROVAL
A draft Housing Council Index Study needs to be discussed by individual councils for approval and action on recommendations.

After the Joint Community Economic Development Plan identified housing and accommodation as an area for Drayton Valley and the Town of Drayton Valley to work together to address, a consultant was hired to look at the current situation and what's needed in the area.

Using research, Statistics Canada data and feedback from stakeholders, a housing council index was prepared and included a number of recommendations.

Among those is the establishment of a housing registry, educating tenants on their rights and responsibilities, talking to developers about the varying housing needs, exploring the possibility of rent controls and addressing the need for more rental units.

Town of Drayton Valley Community Services Director Annette O'Brien said with the completion of the report the mandate of the ad-hoc Joint Housing Committee is complete. However, she noted the committee would like to meet again to look at the possibility of expanding its mandate to include future work stemming from the housing index study.

The draft study will be presented to councils individually for possible adoption. Once adopted recommendations and strategies to address them would be developed.

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On Dec. 6 the Drayton Valley Multicultural Association held a fundraiser night at the Drayton Valley Royal Legion in support of aid for the Philippines following Typhoon Haiyan. More than 200 people were in attendance for the night that proved to be a huge success raising \$7,000 for the cause.



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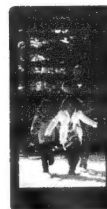
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AUDIENCE ENJOYS CONCERT AT THE NEW ELEANOR PICKUP ARTS CENTRE



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The audience enjoyed a lively performance Dec. 14 at the newly-remodelled Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre (EPAC), which has undergone phase one of an extensive renovation as part of EPAC's "Creating a Home for the Arts" project. The renovation will include many upgrades to the existing facility as well as a 5,000 square foot expansion to the south of the existing building. LEFT: Jessie Peters plays Christmas favourites "Let It Snow" with the accompaniment of bassist Travis Switzer. TOP RIGHT: Levi Edelman (right) and Sean Klotzkyuk (left) man the lighting controls. BOTTOM RIGHT: Award-winning vocalist and violinist Lizzy Hoyt gets the crowd on their feet with some Celtic jigs as Switzer (left) and Chris Tabbert (right) help out. The concert was sponsored by Gloria Belcher in honour of her husband Dr. David Belcher's 80th birthday. Cake was served to the audience during the intermission.

SAY HELLO TO YOUR NEW RINGETTE CHAMPIONS



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It's been a golden season for the the Drayton Valley Under-14 Smokey Girls ringette team. The girls played their way to the top with hard effort and great dedication at the ringette tournament held Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in Drayton Valley.

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Local youth represent Canadian bull riders

Area bull riders become two of the first Canadian youth to attend U.S. competition

Lesley Allan
Western Review

Two local youth were part of Canadian rodeo history as they joined two other young Alberta bull riders and attended the American Youth Bull Riding Finals (AYBR) from Nov. 21 to 24.

"They all did great, they did awesome," says Murray Reich, vice-president of Canadian Youth Bull Riders (CYBR). "Just going there, representing Canada. They made history by being the first kids to do it."

"These four going down opens a big door for the next group of kids [wanting] to go down there," continues Reich. "Hopefully these guys will want to go back and that gives them the incentive to ride harder to be in that money position to go down there."

"They've cleared the path for other ones." Making it clear that attending another event like the AYBR is something he's definitely interested in again, 14-year-old Tyson Bailey says the large event was a great learning experience and something he would want to compete in again.

"It was a great experience, it's just something new to do," he shares.

"It was pretty good, because

there were a lot of different events," Bailey explains. "There were probably up to 20 or 30 boys in each event."

Agreeing with Bailey, 13-year-old Joseph Thebeau says that the competition south of the border can be a challenge to go up against.

"It's way harder than in Canada," he shares.

"If you think you're good up here, go down there."

The young rider, who placed fifth in the long go of the pee-wee ride event, and went on to the short go (top 10) finishing second, has been competing in the sport for less than a year. While he started the sport because he enjoyed the challenge and the fun, he's quickly amazing those who get to work with him and shows just what Canadian riders are capable of.

"He is taking the bull riding world by storm, he is amazing," shared Reich. "I just don't have enough good things to say about him, he just shocks me. He has the natural ability to keep a leg on each side and try hard."

Thebeau and Bailey both practice and compete within the CYBR on a regular basis during riding season here in Alberta. They say that having the opportunity to take part in the organization has prepared them for their experience in Ignacio, Colorado where the AYBR took place.

Typically, Canadian bull riders begin around the age of 15 and train with a style of riding that makes transitioning from steer and other livestock, to bulls more challenging.

Through working with CYBR young riders, like Bailey and

Thebeau, are able to start riding in a style that allows them to take part in American competitions, and set them apart from other Canadian riders.

"I think that I have the advantage (compared to other Canadian riders) from having the CYBR," says Bailey. "I've been riding one hand ever since I started with CYBR and even with steer riding I haven't switched back."

"I have every technique figured out and I know how to hold my hand up proper and get my feet into to 'em," he continues. "I'm just learning quicker with one hand and I'm already there."

Being able to teach this style of riding, as well as the creation of a club focusing on young riders, is what drives organizers of the CYBR to continue working with the program.

"Myself and the Canadian Youth Bull Riders are very proud of all four of them for just taking the venture to go down there and represent us, represent Canada," explains Reich, sharing that Riley Gagnon (from Innisfail) and Colton Kidner (from Peers) also attended the event.

"It's the first time Canada has ever sent kids in a youth situation to do something like this," he shares with pride.

Following his performance at the AYBR Thebeau has won a spot to take part in the World Youth Bull Riding Finals in August 2014 in Texas.

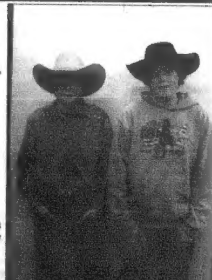
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From Nov. 21 to 24 Joseph Thebeau, age 13 (left), and Tyson Bailey, age 14 (right), were two of four young Alberta bull riders to take part in the American Youth Bull Riders Finals (AYBR). The four riders made rodeo history by becoming the first Canadian youth to take part in an international bull riding competition. Above: Thebeau competing in the AYBR (photo Submitted).

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'Dream big' says RBC Olympian Slusar

Paul Brian
Western Review

Dream big and then do it.

That was the message from Royal Bank of Canada RBC Olympian Bobbi-Jo Slusar, who visited Drayton Valley Dec. 13 as part of RBC's support for minor hockey.

"An RBC Olympian is actually a really cool position," Slusar, who is in her third year as an RBC Olympian said. "It's national team athletes from a whole array of sports, so it could be anybody representing Canada at the national level."

In addition to presenting a \$10,000 cheque to the Drayton Valley Minor Hockey Association on behalf of RBC, Dec. 13 Slusar met with fans in the Omniplex lobby to sign autographs and chat with them about her experience as one of Canada's elite hockey players.

Originally from Swift Current, Sask., Slusar has stated since she was three and is still good friends with her coach Larry Johnson who encouraged her and let her join the boys PeeWee Maulters team.

"I played because I had fun," Slusar said. "The growth has been substantial since I started," she added, noting how Swift Current has gone from only a few girls playing when she was young to now several all girls teams.

Her advice to girls starting out is simple: "I always say dream big. I think it's a good to be true to your dreams and strive," Slusar said, adding that having fun is also always a must.

"I set goals from a young age," Slusar said. "I take what I learned from hockey and apply it to life."

After graduating high school, Slusar, 20, attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she played for the Badgers hockey team and racked up two NCAA championships.

Slusar, who plays defence, also won three gold medals at the Four Nations Cup with Team Canada and also played in the World Championships.

During her four years in the United States, Slusar also played with the Team Canada Under 22 women's team.

Slusar played for Team Canada's senior Olympic-ready squad since 2006/07 but was unable to attend the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver, B.C., due to requiring shoulder reconstruction.

A number of reconstructive surgeries from injuries took their toll and Slusar has recently retired from competitive hockey after seriously injuring her knee at the pre-Worlds tryout camp last year.

The try-outs were a pre-qualifier for centralizing the women's team (an idea which will be playing at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia).

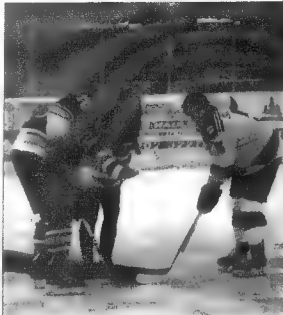
When she's not studying Slusar goes to travel around Alberta encouraging athletes to follow their dreams.

As well, Slusar and Johnson have also started a wheelchair hockey league in Swift Current, where those in wheelchairs are pushed by a mobile individual on the ice as they play hockey.

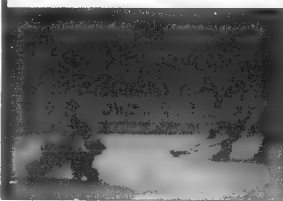
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"I was hoping to have that opportunity to play for our country, but it didn't work out," she recalled. "Sincerely, don't give up and there are many, many doors



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Former Canadian Women's Team member Bobbi-Jo Slusar (top center) does a ceremonial puck drop Dec. 13 at the Omniplex where the Thunder faced off against the Okotoks Oilers. An energetic Oilers squad beat Thunder 5-1.



that open when sometimes things don't go well."

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Despite a game that opened well with a wicked wrist shot goal from the Thunder's Mathieu Lapointe Dec. 13, the boys couldn't quite put the pieces together as they got outplayed by the visiting Okotoks Oilers in a 5-1 loss.

The first period ended in a 1-1 tie, but the second was all Oilers, who played three goals past Thunder goalmaker Mitch Martell until coach Mike Hunter pulled him and put in alternate backup goalie

Kris Dine.

Strong effort couldn't rescue the Thunder from an energetic and hard-hitting Oilers team, who finished up the game with another goal in the third and went home with a 5-1 victory.

A fired Thunder team wasn't at the end of their troubles yet following Friday's game either, facing a crushing 7-1 loss in their next game Saturday night against the Sherwood Park

The Thunder have a chance to regain some honour against the Spruce Grove Saints as they face them tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Drayton Valley Omniplex.

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Youngmen tie it up with the Club

Youngmen pull off a 3-3 tie against the top ranked team in their league

Paul Brian
Western Review

The Youngmen played their best Dec. 10, tying their match with the Club, who are undefeated so far this season.

An energetic Youngmen squad managed to match the first-place ranked opponent with hard effort and some lucky bounces.

"The Club were in first place, and without any losses this year. We felt we were finally gaining some momentum as a team, and despite the competition, we were looking forward to the match," said Brad Kelly, spokesperson for the Youngmen.

The try-outs were a pre-qualifier for centralizing the women's team (an idea which will be playing at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia).

When she's not studying Slusar goes to travel around Alberta encouraging athletes to follow their dreams.

As well, Slusar and Johnson have also started a wheelchair hockey league in Swift Current, where those in wheelchairs are pushed by a mobile individual on the ice as they play hockey.

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Coming off a scrambled start, the Youngmen were overextended themselves on plays and let the Club rack up a goal early on after a barrage of shots on both ends. It's only the second time this season that the Youngmen have given up the first goal in a game, and left the score at 1-0 for the Club at half time.

The Youngmen have not been starting their second halves of games very well this season, and their Dec. 10 match held true to that abhorring.

"Our second half starts have been awful, and this was no exception. The Club hammered in two early goals, but against our third line, to put us down by 3-1 Kelly recounted.

Down by three big goals from the number-one-ranked team, things were not looking very good for the Youngmen.

But with a bit of strategy and some luck they turned the team turned things around.

The Youngmen changed up

their linemates and used their top two lines more frequently in an attempt to bridge the quickly deteriorating match.

In a bold play Youngmen defence got into the Club's offensive zone and scored the Youngmen's first goal. Keeping the pressure ramped up Youngmen defence followed this up with a second goal soon after making it 3-2 for the Club.

As the game wound down to its final minutes the Club took a penalty and put the Youngmen on a much-needed powerplay. They seized the opportunity and scored a big goal, tying the game at 3-3 for the final score.

"While we couldn't finish the game, we were satisfied with the result. Had we not already had some bad games and so many ties, this would have been considered a great game," Kelly said. "We will see if we can follow it up next week with our last game before the break."

The Youngmen changed up

Shine's second season well underway

SPECIAL BY MICHELLE REIMER

Our second year is coming along beautifully here at Shine Gymnastics (formerly Pembina Recreation). We are a non-profit organization and currently have 232 gymnasts ranging from walking to adults. Located at 5606-55 St., Beck Bay X3 (behind DV Physio) we are the only club located in Drayton Valley. We are fully insured and all of our coaches are either certified or are in the process of getting certified.

We proudly run the CANOYD program with gymnasts training from Burgundy through to Bronze at this time. Our preschool program is very strong with gymnasts starting at walking with their parents and moving right on their own with a coach at three years old. Our music is maintained low to keep our instructional quality high and there are only over two full classes turning at a time.

Demo teams were selected and are training hard to represent the club in the community next year, and you can see how much our gymnasts have progressed! Our teams will also be travelling as we have invited us to come train with them.

This year is especially exciting with our bars, climbing rope and every week has a new theme. We have celebrated Circus Week

— with gymnasts getting faces painted and putting on a show for their parents. Pirate Week — with bandannaed gymnasts sword fighting and following a map to find a treasure; and Teddy Bear week where special stuffed held a place of honour and got to dance and jump with our talented gymnasts. This week is Roanoke Week, and the last week of class is the the break. We are celebrating with pizza and an awesome buffet.

All of our fundraising projects are complete, but our Purple Purdy's chocolates were very well received. Our next big fundraiser is our New Year's baby-sitting event, over night at the club, complete with gymnastics, movies, popcorn and fun!

Our staff of eight include some former gymnasts and some certified coaches with years of experience. With boys only classes and many exciting things in the works, this year is going to be one to remember!

We have something for everyone with classes running Monday to Thursday and Saturday. We even have daytime classes! Starting in January, day camps will run on PD days so kids have a fun active place to go when schools are closed.

This year is shaping up to be amazing and I am so proud of how much this club has grown. I don't believe that a year ago we were renting space in a gym and now we

are in our own space, with much more equipment, and gymnasts that couldn't cartwheel are now doing walk overs," said Coach Kelly. "I am so very grateful to those who shared the vision and stayed with us as we built up. My dream is to introduce these children to the world of gymnastics and for them to see that we are a force to be reckoned with! We even have three year olds who can really rock the bars. That is pretty awesome. Our stage show this year is going to be really rock."

We have chosen not to join the Alberta Gymnastics Federation at this time as it is unnecessary for a non-competitive club at this stage of development. The fees were better spent on equipment and training. As there is no quality assurance in Alberta gymnastics, we work extra hard at going above and beyond to surpass the minimum. We are insisting on criminal record checks, child services checks and first aid.

We are currently seeking sponsors to bring in new equipment to keep our many talented gymnasts challenged. If you or your company would like information give us a call.

Our public registration day will be held on Dec. 21 starting at 4 p.m. Assessments for levels can be done at that time. To register for baby-sitting or to ask about the next class, call Holly at 1-780-426-4555 or text Shantell at 780-241-6666.

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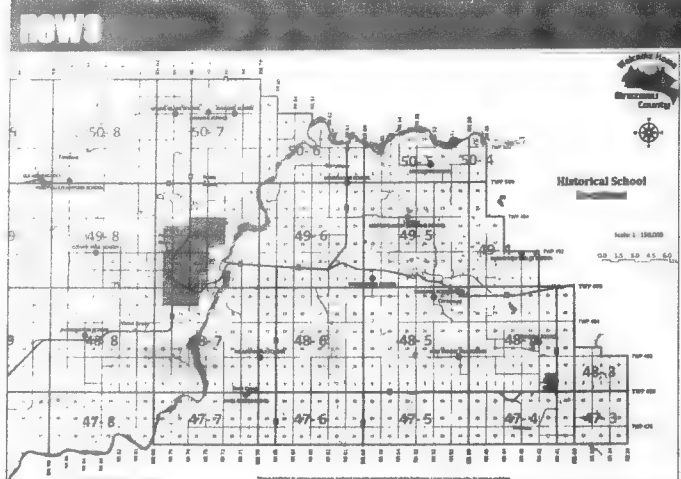
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In 2008 Brazeau County started a project that would help recognize the historical schools located throughout the area. It is that first year five signs were erected but the project fell to the back burner and did not get completed. Following input from residents during divisional meetings in 2013 council directed administration to complete the work and erect signs at the remaining 17 sites. This map shows the location of the 22 historical schools that Brazeau County was able to identify and commemorate with the help of local ratepayers.

Courtesy of Brazeau County

Commemorating area heritage

County and ratepayers work together to commemorate historical schools

Western Review

2013 marked the 25th anniversary of Brazeau County becoming its own municipality and with the rich heritage that makes up this area, residents, council, and administration saw the importance of completing a project that fell to the back burner.

"In 2008 this project actually started," explains Wanda Compton, manager of economic development

and communications. "We looked into identifying the historical schools which existed in Brazeau County and to have metal signs produced and installed to commemorate the schools, but at that time [we] only did five schools."

After those first five were completed, nothing more came of the initiative until divisional meetings throughout the county saw residents reaffirm the importance of what had been started.

Following those discussions for the 2013 budget, council passed a motion to have the project completed and in June 2013 work began to get the remaining 17 signs created and erected.

"We want to create a sense of community pride, pride of place, and to honour part

of Brazeau County's important heritage," shares Compton. Recognizing how important residents are to helping this project come to completion, Compton says those who assisted were an amazing wealth of knowledge and were an important key to what was done.

"We wanted to thank the residents, they were a fantastic resource for us and actually some of them physically drove the county with us to help us land the spot where the sign should be," she explained. "We greatly appreciate the support we had from the community and the residents, we hope they take the opportunity to go around and look at the sign and know that it's their heritage."

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McQueen named Energy Minister

McQueen moves from Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to Energy

Laurey Allan
Western Review

On Dec. 6 it wasn't business as usual as Alberta Premier Alison Redford announced a cabinet shuffle that would see many changes throughout the provincial government, including the area of focus for Drayton Valley-Devon MLA Dana McQueen.

"It's pretty much always a surprise with regards to when the premier decides to shuffle the cabinet," shares McQueen of the changes. "[But I'm] certainly very honoured and excited to have been asked to be the Minister of Energy."

McQueen, who had filled the role of Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resources since 2011, has experience in her newly appointed department having served as parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Energy, but says it was her most recent title within the province that has best prepared her for the new role.

"The work I did in the parliamentary assistant role

was great preparation, but certainly working in Environment and Sustainable Resource Development really is important because when we look at energy and the economy we always look at the environment as well," shares McQueen. "So I think that has been an excellent background for me as I move to the energy ministry as well."

"I think it adds a lot of value so that when we are looking at energy issues that we do look at the environmental issues as well," she adds. "Being able to make sure that when we make decisions we make them based holistically and have a broad perspective, so I think that just adds a lot of value to the decision-making as well."

As MLA of Drayton Valley-Devon, as well as having grown up in the area, McQueen is also looking forward to being part of a ministry that has such a great impact on the area she calls home.

"I'm really honoured and thrilled to have this ministry for sure. I think as we look at our constituency, Drayton Valley-Devon, you can look at our Pembina field and then the first well in the Devon area, Leduc No. 1, and see a large presence of oil and gas in our area," she says. "I'm very proud of that."

"The service companies that work within the industry in our area do an excellent

job and I look forward to connecting with the communities where this activity is happening throughout the province, and then of course spend a lot of time in Calgary with the companies themselves," adds McQueen.

Looking ahead to what she can expect, McQueen knows she will have a much more hands-on role in some of the initiatives she was involved within during her previous role, such as the Canadian Energy Strategy and the single regulator.

Still for McQueen, there is one thing she continues to look forward to the most and that's staying touch with those who matter. "I think just doing what I've always loved doing, and that's really getting to know the stakeholders, all of the stakeholders, and working with them and just listening to what some of the issues they perceive," she says.

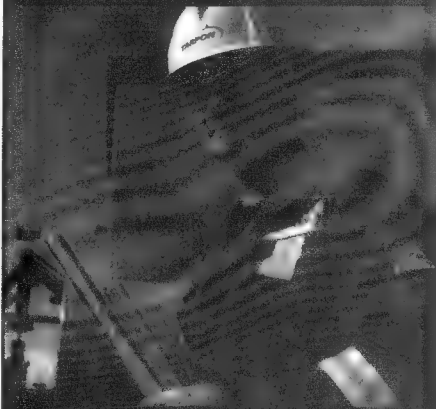
Having always had an active role in meeting with her constituents and those who are affected by the province's decisions, McQueen knows what matters and is always appreciative of those who continue to have her back.

"I'm just so proud of the support that everybody in constituency gives me," she says. "I think that this will be an important position and ministry for our constituency."

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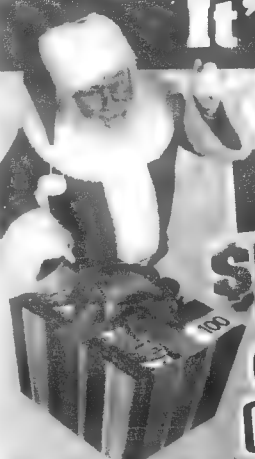
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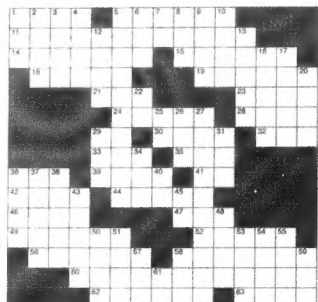
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1. Leopold's partner in crime
5. Black fun
11. Truman's hometown
14. Dean residence
15. Chief Poliss part
18. Crin
19. Complicated with
21. Explosive
23. Perennial woolly plant
24. Expression
26. Small lapdance dancer
28. Denotes past
30. Bullfighting maneuver
32. Deaf signing language
33. Assistance
35. What part of (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Box top
2. Small integers
3. Mimi yellow Dutch cheese
4. Bolivian savanna
5. Open air performing for
6. No matter what or which
7. Religious degree
8. Lower limb
9. Prefix meaning inside
10. Crust covering a wound
12. Assault repeatedly
13. Samoyede (cat, sp.)
16. Damsman is the capital
17. Pops (Soc.)
20. Transaction
21. Touchdown
23. Associated press
24. An opening between things
27. Increasing
29. Cologne
31. Bithopia (abbr.)
34. A 24-hour period
36. Kitty wend
37. Prefatory discourse
38. -futti
40. Biblical Sumerian city
43. Critique harshly
45. 25th anniversary
46. Comedian Carvey
50. A wild disturbance
51. Possible American Indians
53. 9-headed armadillo
54. Archyegans
55. Thai language of
56. Khammone
57. Atomic #105
58. 1st wedding (abbr.)
59. Fleet-de-
61. The 7th zone



HOROSCOPES

ARIES Mar 21-Apr 20

Now, battle some ambitious heisters and establish clear priorities. Otherwise, you may miss what could be a productive work session tomorrow.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 21

Carpe, you are not over heat, but your stress for everyone to see. You cannot be shy about representing your creative. Friends may be skeptical of you though.

GEMINI May 22-Jun 21

Consider that the sky above during sleepless plans with your loved ones. The support of friends and family members will only ensure your confidence in this new direction.

CANCER Jun 22-Jul 22

I expect your close to take shape over the next several days. Career. Concrete plans with consideration as you begin to pull thoughts from your imagination. The results will be unique.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 21

You probably are not interested in making along this work. Even though it's a good job, it's a project with goals, that's really to reach that you can make realistic.

VIRGO Aug 22-Sep 22

You are quite comfortable sharing your thoughts now that you have given some thought. It's a new chance to talk about future possibilities.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 23

Downing all of the social signals coming your way won't be easy, Libra. The only thing you can do for the moment is to take each signal one at a time.

SCORPIO Oct 24-Nov 22

Scorpio, you are not in the mood to play games, so you will want to push your creative relationship to the next level. You will have no problem building the way.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23-Dec 21

Expectations to address your physical well-being will become a theme this week. Sagittarius, make the most of these opportunities to make a positive change.

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 20

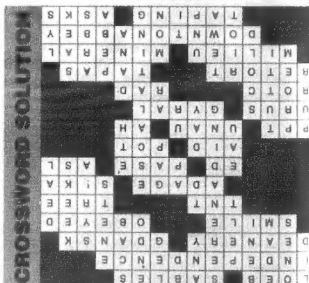
Capricorn, you will take a creative venture for the next several days. Inspiration will strike when you least expect it. You should have some time to play.

AQUARIUS Jan 21-Feb 18

Aquarius, expect some support from family members and close friends. Receive their generosity as warmly as you can, even if you're feeling a bit reserved.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20

Pisces, it can be hard to get swept away by other people's agendas when you attempt to lead a helping hand. Do your best to stick it.



CROSSWORD SOLUTION

school notebook

HOLY TRINITY

Holy Trinity Academy staff and students are continuing to join together each morning at 8:30 a.m. in the chapel for prayer. We hope that your prayers are enjoying this advent prayer being e-mailed home.

No Christmas season would be complete without an Ugly Christmas Sweater Day and a fun and fashion on Dec. 19 by wearing your ugly Christmas sweaters. There is still time for everyone to get their very own.

For the tree decorating contest, trees will be provided by the school and each grade will then provide their own ornaments to decorate their tree. Hot chocolate and doughnuts will be given in the winning grade.

In addition to Ugly Christmas Sweater Day and tree decorating, Students' Union is sponsoring an opportunity for everyone to get their Christmas groove on with an afternoon Christmas dance on Dec. 20 from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m.

Staff and students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items, especially cans of food, to build our Christmas Food Tree. A tree will be made using food items brought in and will then be donated to our local food bank. Items will be accepted until Dec. 18. Please be generous.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our winter clothing drive for the Emergency Youth Centre in Edmonton, it is a credit to our students to see the generosity.

Thank you to Father Gary for celebrating mass on Dec. 11 with the Grade 10 students.

Parent involvement on school council is the key to making it effective. Thank you to all the parents who came out to our school Council meeting on Dec. 10. Your continuing support is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the girls' senior basketball team for representing our school so well at the weekend tournament in Fort Saskatchewan. You truly show the Tiger pride. Your dedication and effort is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler for coaching the girls and all the parents and family members for their support. Go Tigers!

Europe trip 2015 is taking registrations now. All interested travellers should sign up prior to Dec. 31 to take advantage of the bonuses offered by EF Tours and to avoid the fee increases in the New Year. Please contact Ms. Duperron at the school for more

information.

Last day of classes for Holy Trinity Academy will be Dec. 20. Classes will resume after the Christmas break, on Jan. 6.

Please check the school website for the January final exam schedule. It is never too early to start reviewing.

EVERGREEN

Our Christmas concert times are:

Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. for classes: KA, KC, 15, 26, 3K, 4G, 5G, 6C.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. for classes: KB, 1L, 17, 2H, 2W, 3W, 4D, 5H, 6B.

Students should arrive at their classrooms at 6:30 p.m. to prepare for the evening concerts.

Also, on each concert night, families are encouraged to bring a food item or child's toy for Santa's Anonymous — please give generously. All donations must be at the school before Dec. 20.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday time with your families and friends. We schedule in the office Semester 2 begins with a new schedule on Feb. 3.

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Students who are interested in making a difference in the world should consider joining the Rotary Interact Club which meets Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

All Eldorado staff and students would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who served us up a fantastic turkey dinner on Thursday last week.

The only thing missing was a bed for all of us to have a turkey nap on. Although, after all the hard work they probably needed a nap too. It was delicious. Thanks so much to the families that provided veggies and extra too.

Eldorado's community is a-buzz with concert preparations for Dec. 17. We will be having a dress rehearsal in the afternoon as well as the official show at 7 p.m. Come one and all.

Dec. 17 — Christmas concert
Dec. 19 — Mary Lambert puppet show
Dec. 20 — Last day of school

ST. ANTHONY
Christmas cheer started ringing through the school last Wednesday as the Kindergarten class performed for family and friends. Thank you Mrs. Naugle and Mr. Swap for doing an amazing job organizing and teaching the Kindergarten children all the festive songs.

The evening of Dec. 12 family and friends joined grades one to six as they performed several Christmas songs. Thank you Mr. Tiegan for selecting such a wonderful array of songs for our Old fashioned Christmas concert.

School Council news and notes — St. Anthony school council wanted to take a moment during this busy season of giving to thank those who contributed to the success of our fifth annual school Winter Wonderland Fair. With the help of the many sponsors, volunteers, participants and guests the Winter Wonderland Fair was a huge success. We wish you all very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! From the staff and students at St. Anthony School a tremendous thank you to our Parent Council for all the work invested in making our Winter Wonderland Fair a huge success! St. Anthony fundraisers cards have been sold, the sheets are being tallied up and we will be announcing the winners shortly! Please join us for the first council meeting of 2014 on Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. As always, babysitting will be provided.

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and may this Christmas and each day of the New Year be directed by His guiding hand of love.

Please check our website <http://stan.starcatholic.ab.ca> for up-to-date information.

Important dates to remember this week:

17 — Living nativity 1:30 and 7 p.m. in the back parking lot of the school, please join us!

18 — Student free swim

19 — Student Union Fun Day. Gr. 4-6 dance from 10:30 a.m. in the gym, Kinder-Gr. 3 Christmas Fun in gym, Gr. 7 and 8 dance 1:15-3:15 p.m. in gym, Tim Horton's Snack Day.

20 — Pyjama Day... Last school day of 2013

Jan. 6 — First day of school in 2014

DRAYTON CHRISTIAN
This week the DCS News Team is doing a feature on all the clubs of our students. We will be at the French Club, the Health Action Team, Worship Action Team, and the DCS News Team.

This week in card making club the students made stamp cards. They were very lovely and we are sure all their friends and family will love getting the card this Christmas.

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